

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Priorities for dentistry in England**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 30th November 2023
Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Gillian Merron, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care
- 9.05 **Examining the landscape for NHS dentistry and oral healthcare in England - priorities going forward**
Wendy Crew, Primary Care Commissioning
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Assessing the accessibility of dentistry services - barriers to access, availability of services, challenges in delivering targets and dealing with the backlog of urgent and routine appointments, and addressing health inequalities**
Mark Jones, Founder, Toothless in England
Barry Westwood, Chairman, Surrey Local Dental Committee
Finlay Bason, Principal Dentist and Practice Owner, Carriage Works Lostweithal Dental Surgery
Senior representative, think tank
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Gillian Merron, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Julian Sturdy MP, Chair, All-Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics
- 10.40 **The next steps for professional regulation in the dental profession**
Stefan Czerniawski, Executive Director, Strategy, General Dental Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Tackling workforce challenges in the dental industry - training, education and assessing concerns about the sustainability of the profession**
Miranda Steeples, President, British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy
John Makin, Head of the Dental Defence Union, Medical Defence Union
Senior representative, education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **The outlook for the commissioning of dentistry services in England**
Edward Jones, Senior Policy Advisor, ICS Network, NHS Confederation
- 11.50 **Delivering integrated oral healthcare - the role of dentistry in preventative healthcare, and the impact of commissioning changes**
Dr Sophia Morris, Clinical Lead for Inequalities, NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board
Carolina Machuca Vargas, Associate Head, Dental Academy, University of Portsmouth
Senior representative, paediatric dentistry
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for dentistry policy and dental contract reform in England**
Professor Rebecca Harris, Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health, University of Liverpool
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Julian Sturdy MP, Chair, All-Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics
Jessica Lear, Associate Editor, Westminster Health Forum